crop or other all agricultural consideration, it should be restricted to areas not exceeding 10 ha. in the hills and 25 ha. in the plains.

(ii) to consider banning of felling in the hills above 1000 metres at least for some years.

(iii) to identify critical areas in the hills and mountains which require protection from fulling of forests and need immediate vigorous afforestation.

(iv) to set apart 4 per cent of the geographical areas as protection areas like wildlife sanctuaries national parks, biosphere reserves etc.

4. Development of instructure and enforcement of legal provisions for the protection of forest.

5. Enactment of the Forest (Cons.) Act, 1980 to check diversion of forest land to non-forest purposes.

6. Control of shifting cultivation.

7 Development of alternative sources of energy to replace fuelwood in domestic and commercial sectors.

8. Substitution of wood by alternative materials in packaging railway sleepers and building construction.

9. Liberalised import policy for forest products.

10. Fiscal incentives to industry which lead to wood substitution.

11. The Forest Survey of India has been established to survey forests and prepare periodically comprehensive reports on the State of Forests.

238. [*Transferred to the 3rd August 1987*]

Import of oil seeds

239. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to import oil seeds instead of edible oils; if so, what are the details of the proposal and the varities of the seeds;

(b) whether any saving of foreign exchange will be made as a result of the proposal; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how Government propose to safeguard the interests of public distribution system against possibilities of inferior quality of oil and likely exploitation by the crushing industry at home; and

(d) whether any Committee has been appointed to examine the merits of the proposal; if so, who are the members of the committee and what is the scope of examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The proposal for import of oil seeds instead of edible oils has not been agreed to by the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Communal Riots

240. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of communal clashes that have taken place during the last six months in the country alongwith the figures of casualities, injuries and damages to property;

(b) what are the reasons for which communal riots are frequently taking place in Ahmedabad and Baroda as compared to other towns and cities;

(c) whether it is a fact that anti-social elements, bootleggers, smugglers etc: play a very nefarious role during the riots;

(d) whether it is also a fact that at some places these bootleggers and smugglers act in collaboration with the authorities and politicians; and

(e) whether Government are considering any action to break this nexus; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) On the basis of the available information, the particulars of major communal riots in the country which have occurred during the last six months are as under:—

Date and Place	No of persons		Lose of prop (Rs. in lakhs)
	Killed	Injured	
Gujarat			
Ahmedabad (Jan. 30)	10	16	1 92
Ahmedabad (Feb. 14)	5	34	2 05
Ahmedabad (March, 26)	5	6	N.A.
Virpur (April, 9-12)	4	12	102.00
Brauch (May, 17-18)	5	22	N.A.
Baroda (June, 26 to July, 2)	7	10	N.A.
Uttar Pradesh			
Meerut (April, 14—18)	10	23	4 35
Meerut (May 14—24)	105	143*	232 60 (Including 8 Police Personnel).
Delhi			
(May, 19-22)	11	75	N.A.
Maharashtra			
Kasoda (Jalgaon-June ,8)	5	17	3.00
	167	358	345.92

(b) and (c) The communal riots in Ahmedabad and Boroda and in other places in the country are the handiwork of anti-social and communal elements.

(d) and (e) The comprehensive guidelines for maintaining communal harmony and public order which were originally prepared in 1980 and were subsequently revised and re-circulated to the State Governments/Union Territories in July 1981, *inter-alia*, envisage that anti-social and communal elements be dealt with a firm hand and that anybody found conniving or helping such elements should also be dealt with in a similar manner.

External Affairs Minister's meeting with Chinese officials

241. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting recently held at Beijing between the External Affairs Minister of India and high